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
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/083,657
For: METHODS OF MAKING A NIOBIUM METAL OXIDE
Our Ref: 01017CIP (3600-346-01)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a two-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before July 25, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.